

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
ENCLOSURE COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: Elijah Muhammad

FILE: 105-24822 June Mail

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SAC, CHICAGO

JUNE. ELIJAH MOHAMMED, INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI.

Provided full security assured, authority granted install  
tear residence Mohammed, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,  
telephone Drexel 3-0986.

RECORDED - 51 105-24622-14  
Advise time, date of installation and symbol number. Sulet  
justification 30 days after installation and each three months  
thereafter.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8/12/80 BY SP-4 [signature]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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1 - Mr. Boardman  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]

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December 31, 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: ELIJAH MOHAMMED  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8/12/82 BY SP-4 [REDACTED]

The Muslim Cult of Islam (MCI) is composed entirely of Negroes. Its leader, Elijah Mohammed, claims to have been sent by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the Negroes out of slavery. Members fanatically follow the teachings of Allah as interpreted by Mohammed; they disavow allegiance to the United States; and they are taught they need not obey the laws of the United States. Allegations have been received that its members may resort to acts of violence in carrying out its avowed purpose of destroying non-Muslims and Christianity.

It is believed that a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Draxel 3-0966, will furnish not only data concerning the fanatical and violent nature of the organization, but also data regarding the current plans of the MCI to expand its activities throughout the United States.

It is, therefore, requested that authorization be granted to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed or any address to which he may move in the future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ON 2/14/78

APPROVED: [REDACTED]

DATE: [REDACTED]

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 9:05 AM  
DATE 1/2/57  
BY [REDACTED]

See memo Belmont to Boardman  
12-28-56 [REDACTED] dlj, captioned  
as above.

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105-24822-6  
JAN 4 1957

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Subject ELIJAH MOHAMMED

INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

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EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

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SP-4 ala/ala

REASON FOR

8/12/82

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Date 2/12/74

Complete File and Serial Number 105-24822-14

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 sub 2)  
 SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

DATE: 2/14/57

"JUNE"

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| Mr. Tolson   | _____ |
| Mr. Nichols  | _____ |
| Mr. Boardman | _____ |
| Mr. Belmont  | _____ |
| Mr. Mohr     | _____ |
| Mr. Parsons  | _____ |
| Mr. Rosen    | _____ |
| Mr. Tamm     | _____ |
| Mr. Trotter  | _____ |
| Mr. Nease    | _____ |
| Tele. Room   | _____ |
| Mr. Holloman | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

**b2**  
 There is being transmitted by separate package two (2) reels (Numbers 110 and 120) obtained from [REDACTED]

It is believed the language spoken on these reels is Arabic.

Also enclosed are handwritten chronological logs pertaining thereto bearing numbers of items, which may be of assistance in translating this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of the enclosed items be made and furnished to the Buffalo and Chicago Offices.

Subsequent to translation, the enclosed material should be returned to the Chicago Office.

For the Bureau's information, this office by letter dated January 18, 1957, advised Buffalo that [REDACTED] had furnished information on January 5, 1957, that an unknown male had attempted to contact a [REDACTED] (phonetic) at [REDACTED]

By letter dated January 30, 1957, the [REDACTED]

On January 28, 1957, a pretext telephone call to this center identified [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED]. A search of the files of the Buffalo Office failed to locate any information concerning [REDACTED]

- ② - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Package (RM)  
 2 - Buffalo (100-468) (RM)  
 1 - Chicago

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. PARSONS *46*

DATE: February 20, 1957

FROM: C. F. DOWNING

JUNESUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

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| Tolson     | _____ |
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| Winterrowd | _____ |
| Tele. Room | _____ |
| Holloman   | _____ |
| Gandy      | _____ |

By letter dated 2/14/57 Chicago forwarded two reels of tape  
(Numbers 110 and 120) containing conversations in Arabic.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Enclosures

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-24822)  
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-6989) (Sub. 2)  
SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

DATE: March 20, 1957

"JUNE"

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Attention: FBI Laboratory

There is being transmitted by separate package three (3) reels (Number 220, 48 and "X"), obtained from [REDACTED] **b2**

It is believed that the language spoken on these reels is Arabic.

Also submitted are handwritten chronological logs pertaining thereto bearing on this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of the enclosed items be made and furnished the Chicago office.

Subsequent to translation the enclosed material should be returned to the Chicago office.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Package (RM)  
1 - Chicago  
SMC:lls  
(4)

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ON 8/17/82

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17 MAR 22 1957  
FBI CHICAGO

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**SECRET**

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: March 27, 1957

FROM : C. F. DOWNING

JUNESUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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| Nichols    | _____ |
| Boardman   | _____ |
| Belmont    | _____ |
| Mohr       | _____ |
| Parsons    | _____ |
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| Tele. Room | _____ |
| Holloman   | _____ |
| Gandy      | _____ |

Attached for translation [REDACTED] are three reels of (S) tape, 48, 220, and "X", containing cuts of conversations in an unknown language, received from Chicago by letter dated 3/20/57. Pertinent cuts are listed below:

| <u>REEL</u> | <u>CUT</u> |
|-------------|------------|
| 48          | 1          |
| 220         | 1          |
| "X"         | 1          |
| "X"         | 8-7        |

If possible, the translator should identify each translated item by the appropriate reel and cut number.

**ACTION:**

[REDACTED] a summary translation (S) of each cut and thereafter return the translation and uneraser tapes to the Laboratory for further handling. (S)(u)

Enclosures

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APR 5 1957

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REASON  
EXEMPTSP-4 elw/ala 7-4  
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SUBV. CONTROL

6 APR 10 1957

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE April 10, 1957  
"JUNE"

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989) (Sub 2)

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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| Mr. Nease    | _____ |
| Tele. Room   | _____ |
| Mr. Holloman | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

b2

There are being transmitted by separate package two (2) reels (Numbers "Y" and 7), obtained from [REDACTED]

It is believed that the language spoken on these reels is Arabic.

Also submitted are handwritten chronological logs pertaining thereto bearing numbers of writings which may be of assistance in translating this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of information on the reels be made and furnished to the Chicago Office.

Subsequent to translation the reels should be returned to the Chicago Office.

- 1 cc [REDACTED]
- (2) - Bureau (Registered)  
1 - Package  
1 - Chicago

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8/12/80 BY SP4 [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: April 19, 1957

FROM : C. F. DOWNING

~~SECRET~~JUNESUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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| Nichols    | _____ |
| Boardman   | _____ |
| Belmont    | _____ |
| Mohr       | _____ |
| Parsons    | _____ |
| Rosen      | _____ |
| Tamm       | _____ |
| Nease      | _____ |
| Winterrowd | _____ |
| Tele. Room | _____ |
| Holloman   | _____ |
| Gandy      | _____ |

By letter dated 4/10/57, Chicago forwarded two reels (Numbers Y and 7) containing conversations in a foreign language.

## RECOMMENDATION:

[REDACTED] a summary translation of (S) b1  
Reel Number 1, Cuts 1-9 and Reel Number 7, Cuts 18-22. The translation and unerased tapes should be returned to the Laboratory for further handling.

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CLASS BY SP-4 elw/falm  
EXEMPT FROM GDS 1042  
DATE 8/17/82

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105-24822-22

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6 MAY 2 1957

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May 24, 1957

SAC, Chicago (100-6989 sub 2)

Director, FBI (105-24822)

**JUNE**  
**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

REGISTERED MAIL

**ELIJAH MOHAMMED**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI**

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 2/14/57 BY 105-24822

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/14/57.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Reels #110 and #120, together with handwritten chronological logs pertaining thereto, are returned herewith.

- Tolson
- Nichols
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- Nease
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

MAIL ROOM ☒

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COMM - FBI  
MAY 24 1957  
MAILED 31

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NOT RECORDED  
MAY 27 1957

**JUNE - PERSONAL ATTENTION**

FILED BY 50-4-Sub 2  
RECEIVED FBI  
MAY 24 1957  
FBI - CHICAGO

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The language in tapes E-110 and E-120 is URDU (or possibly HINDI). However it is too rapid to follow successfully.

E-110 was the record of several conversations between persons in Chicago and a [redacted] in Buffalo. The latter was there for a visit. The Buffalo number called was [redacted]. While the conversations were largely unintelligible, in one conversation the party in Chicago was telling [redacted] that he was going somewhere, to which [redacted] replied "Don't go!" A few phrases later the expression "it is dangerous" was heard. b7c

In one other conversation between these two men, [redacted] said there was "nothing new," and, "nothing to worry about."

The tape contained a conversation between two entirely different parties. The only intelligible part was when the party called said his new address was [redacted].

E-120 was entirely unintelligible.

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REASON 1.2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 8/17/82

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SAC, Chicago (100-6989) (Sub 2)

June 8, 1957

Director, FBI (105-24822)

**JUNE**  
**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

REGISTERED MAIL

**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

**INTEL**

CLASS. BY *SP-4 slw/ala*  
REASON FOR 1-2.4.2  
DATE 8/1/80

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 4/10/57.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith are Reels 47 and 48, together with handwritten chronological 169MM pertaining thereto.

105-24722-23

NOT RECORDED  
14 JUN 12 1957

- Tolson
- Nichols
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- Nease
- Tele. Room
- Holloman

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JUN 8 1957  
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ADDENDUM FOR YELLOW:

**SECRET**

JUN 18 1957

[REDACTED]

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Reel I Cuts 1-9

[REDACTED] b1

Under the circumstances, I feel you should not prolong your journeys and one of you should try to come back as soon as possible.....

I am ready to go in June. I will contact one of the boat companies now.... I have finished everything; I have nothing to do any more.

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SP-4 elw/alam  
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8/11/82

[REDACTED] (C) b1

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-Reel 7, Cuts 18-22

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Director, FBI (105-24822)

March 20, 1957

SAC, Chicago (100-6989) (Sub. 2)

"JUNE"

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Attention: FBI Laboratory

b2 There is being transmitted by separate package three (3) reels (Number 220, 4, and 5), obtained from [REDACTED]

It is believed that the language spoken on these reels is Arabic.

Also submitted are handwritten chronological logs pertaining thereto bearing numbers of items which may be of assistance in translating this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of the enclosed items be made and furnished the Chicago office.

Subsequent to translation the enclosed material should be returned to the Chicago office.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Package (RM)  
1 - Chicago  
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ON 8/12/80

SAC, Chicago (100-6989) (Sub.2)

August 9, 1957

Director, FBI (105-24822)

**JUNE**  
**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

REGISTERED MAIL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8/17/80 BY SP-4 JAW/ALW

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 8/20/57.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Reels #220, #48 and #X are being returned herewith.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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6 AUG 15 1957

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8 AUG 14 1957

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AUG 9 - 1957

MAILED 19

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Reel 48, Cut 1

Man asks for [REDACTED] He is out.  
He asks for [REDACTED] comes to the phone.  
They converse in unidentified language. Greetings  
in Arabic.

Reel 220, Cut 1

(Conversation is partly inaudible and  
unintelligible.) Mention is made of following. . .  
Louisville. . . Middle East to Pakistan. . . by  
airmail to New York,

[REDACTED]  
New York 21, New York

. . . telephone. . . by airmail. . . #102 flight,  
Eastern. . .

Reel X, Cuts 1 and 2-7

Conversations in unidentified language.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 4/10/58

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 sub 2)

"JUNE"SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

There is being transmitted by separate package three (3) reels (number 8, 17, 122) obtained from [REDACTED] b2  
It is noted that on previous reels obtained from [REDACTED] which have been submitted to the Bureau, it was ascertained that the language on tapes submitted is Urdu (or possibly Hindu).

On the back of the packages submitted is a log pertaining thereto bearing the numbers or writings which may be of assistance in translating this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of information on the reels be made and furnished to the Chicago Office.

Subsequent to translating the reels they should be returned to the Chicago Office.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Package
- 1 - Chicago

SMC:ntf  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8/19/82 BY SP-4 *slw/alm*

REC

2 APR 23 1958

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SUBV CONTROL

6 MAY 2 1958

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JUNE

April 23, 1958

[REDACTED] (S)

outer: Please furnish summaries of the following reels and

Reel

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17  
128

File

21 through 24  
2 through 7  
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[REDACTED] See letter from Chicago (file 100-6989 Sub 2) (Bufile 105-24822) dated 4/10/58 under caption ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, IS - NOI. Classified **SECRET** in view of source and potential nature of material. JUNE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE May 13, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 Sub 2)

"JUNE"

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is being transmitted by separate package one (1) reel (Number 63) obtained from [REDACTED]

It is noted that on previous reels obtained from [REDACTED] which have been submitted to the Bureau, it was ascertained that the language on the tapes submitted is Urdu (or possibly Hindu). **b2**

Also submitted is a handwritten chronological log pertaining thereto, bearing the number or writing which may be of assistance in translating this matter.

It is requested that a summary translation of information on this reel be made and furnished to the Chicago Office.

Subsequent to translation the reel should be returned to Chicago.

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Attached is Reel Number 63, possibly Hindustani or one of its dialects. Please furnish a summary of this reel.

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ADDENDUM FOR YELLOW:

  
See letter from Chicago (file 100-6989 Sub 2) (Bufile 105-24822) dated 5/19/58 under caption ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI. JUNE. Classified SECRET in view of source and potential nature of material.

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SUMMARY FROM URDU

Reel 8  
Cuts 21-24

Call to: [REDACTED] St. Charles, Illinois,  
[REDACTED]

Language not understood. Asks to talk to  
[REDACTED] She is telling him what she is doing  
and where she is going: "Downtown." He asks  
a lot of questions which are not understood by me.

Reel 17  
Cuts 4-7

To: [REDACTED] Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Language not understood. Conversation between  
brother and sister, latter calling, concerning  
finances, finding out whether each has enough,  
something about a letter to or from Calcutta.  
Discuss the weather.

Reel 122  
Cut 1

Tail end of conversation in Urdu (Hindi).

Language not understood. Man and woman talking.  
Man asks if she has work to do. She says yes,  
she has enough time. She asks for a number,  
he says 5579.

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SAC, Chicago (100-6989 Sub 2)

May 21, 1958

Director, FBI (105-24822)

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DATE OF REVIEW 8/19/82

JUNE  
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REGISTERED MAIL

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 4/10/58.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

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Director, FBI (105-24822)

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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SUMMARY FROM HINDUSTANI

Reel 63

The two speakers appear to be arranging a meeting - one says something about "will meet" and the other says in effect "yes, will meet." The phrase "will come" was also heard. After the "meeting" part - the verb "to ask" was heard - and towards the end the words "will have a drink" were heard. At the very end one speaker sets a time "40 minutes." The other repeats the phrase "40 minutes" in a tone of surprise. Then something about being dirty was heard after which "40 minutes" is agreed upon.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989-Sub 2)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: 10/30/59

JUNE

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title NATION OF ISLAM

Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI  
Field Office Chicago  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone) [REDACTED]  
CONF. INFO. b2

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
4847 South Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois
2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
4847 South Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
DR 3-0234

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:  
Authorized December 5, 1956  
Installed January 4, 1957

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):  
None

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:
- a. Is a trunk line utilized? No
- b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No
- c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? No

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? Private line
- e. If a party line, how many parties?
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:
- Not applicable
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:
- Not applicable
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)
- (See attached pages)
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?
- No
- [REDACTED] (b1)
12. Has security factor changed since installation?
- No
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):
- No
14. Cost of Plant Premises:
- a. Rental costs for plant premises: None [REDACTED] (b1) (c)
- b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant.
- Two other surveillances - four other lines

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9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved:

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b7c [REDACTED] MALCOLM, would be traveling all month. (Provided New York by letter)

7/8/59

7/9/59

[REDACTED] advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that he was filling out the forms (probably passport applications) and wanted to know if they were traveling by an organized tour. MUHAMMAD advised no, and that the port of departure would be New York about the twentieth of September and that they would be gone about two months. (Provided Bureau, New York and WFO by letter-head memorandum)

7/15/59

[REDACTED] advised CLARA MUHAMMAD that [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] and that he was living with [REDACTED] whose slave name was [REDACTED] (Provided Philadelphia by letter)

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD advised [REDACTED] at the school that a [REDACTED] would be over at Noon for an interview with [REDACTED] (Routed to appropriate Chicago files)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] and stated that he wanted the new address of the Temple #2 Bakery. [REDACTED] advised that the address was 370 East 71st Street. (Routed to appropriate Chicago files)

7/31/59

b7c A [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. [REDACTED] advised MUHAMMAD that he did not know what was going on because [REDACTED] a cosmetics man, had bought into the paper and was chairman of the board. [REDACTED] also wanted to know MUHAMMAD's reaction to a story that had appeared in the newspaper "Crusader". He wanted MUHAMMAD to prepare a statement for him to publish. (Routed to appropriate Chicago files)

8/5/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with a [REDACTED] and advised that she could start to work at the Temple #2 Bakery on that date. (Routed to appropriate Chicago files)

8/7/59

8/14/59

MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and during this conversation LITTLE stated that he had read

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something on that date and it was the source or origin of the account that came out in "Time" Magazine. He further advised that they had a so-called file on MUHAMMAD from the Chicago Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and from B'Nai B'Rith.

An unknown Brother from Detroit was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that they had received very bad publicity. He stated that the other day the "Free Press", the State Police and the Department of Engineers had entered the school and taken some pictures and that on that date there were pictures in the paper claiming that the school should be closed because of its condition. (Provided to Detroit by letter)

8/18/59

b7C [REDACTED]

An unknown Brother from Detroit was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that they would have to move as "they" condemned the school. (Provided Detroit by letter)

9/2/59

b7C [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that [REDACTED] MUHAMMAD [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Routed to appropriate Chicago files)

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and asked if [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] phone number. MUHAMMAD said that [REDACTED] should get in touch with [REDACTED] and tell him that the committee did not agree on giving him that much--two grand--in advance. However, they will give him one month and will accept his other terms. [REDACTED] advised that he would call [REDACTED] and advise him of this. (Provided Philadelphia by letter)

[REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked what was his next move. MUHAMMAD replied, "Your next move is to start getting up material to go right to work for fighting the opposition." [REDACTED] advised that his address was [REDACTED] (Provided Philadelphia by letter)

9/8/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] in New York and advised that [REDACTED] was to contact [REDACTED] in Philadelphia and help him get started with public relations. (Provided New York and Philadelphia by letter)

9/10/59

[REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that he had resigned from the school to devote all his time to the project, and that he was working on the public relations program through February 1. He advised that he had run into a lot of expense and would like an advance. (Provided Philadelphia by letter)

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9/11/59

b7C [redacted] advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that a [redacted] and his family from Phoenix were in Chicago and needed a place to stay. (Provided Phoenix by letter)

9/13/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with an unknown female and inquired as to whether the Brother from Phoenix had gone back. He was advised no, that he was here to stay and that he lived in a trailer. (Provided Phoenix by letter)

9/14/59

[redacted]  
(routed to appropriate Chicago files)

9/21/59

[redacted] in Washington, D. C., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD regarding a building that was to be purchased. [redacted] told MUHAMMAD that they had a place willing to make a loan of around \$50,000 for the purchase of the building but before they would make the loan there would have to be an account open in Washington in the amount of \$20,000. [redacted] wondered if it would be possible for MUHAMMAD to make the deposit. MUHAMMAD advised that they would be more than happy to make the deposit and that the money had been appropriated for the purchase but that over the weekend in Detroit the school building had been condemned and that the cash appropriated for the Washington purchase was used to buy the school in Detroit. (Provided WFO and Detroit by letter)

9/24/59

[redacted] (phonetic). (Provided WFO by letter)

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10/6/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and advised that he had done as suggested and had sent copies of the article to the Director of the FBI and to the U. S. Attorney General. (Provided Pittsburgh by letter) **b7c**

[REDACTED]  
(Provided Philadelphia by letter)

10/16/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with Washington, D. C., Operator 20, telephone Federal 3-4700. MUHAMMAD was put in [REDACTED] **b7c**

[REDACTED] MUHAMMAD advised that he should call New York, Twining 8-3003, and speak with Secretary JOHN. (Provided New York and Washington by letter)

10/19/59

An unknown Brother from Detroit was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that the space would rent for \$85.00 a month. MUHAMMAD said that he should rent in his own name or in the name of the Temple and it would be used to sell confectionary, stationery, odds and ends and as a place for school children to come and eat. (Provided Detroit by letter)

10/24/59

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD advised a [REDACTED] that he was scheduled to leave the sixth of next month but he doubted that they would be ready to go. He stated that they were

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planning to see a number of Muslims but that they had not gotten a visa for the Brother's country, Indonesia, or Java. MUHAMMAD advised that his son, AKBAR, was going along as an interpreter and that his son, HERBERT, would go along as photographer. (Routed to appropriate Chicago files) (PHOTOGRAPHED AKBAR, W.F. and NEW YORK by LETTER FROM MUHAMMAD)

10/27/59

[REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and advised that [REDACTED] from New York had called on Sunday and had talked about her problem. MUHAMMAD stated that he had the report on [REDACTED] and that it looked like she would have to be put down. (Provided New York by letter)

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c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

None - except manpower

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

None

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

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17. Remarks (by SAC):

Recommend continuance.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the National Leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), an extremely nationalistic Negro organization whose male members participate in military drill and judo training. The NOI regards the United States Government, persons of the white race and Christianity as their enemies which must be destroyed. The aim of the NOI is to unify the Negro race and establish for the Negro a nation in this country free and independent of the white race and separation of the races politically, economically and spiritually. MUHAMMAD has stated that the Negro should have a state or a group of states in this country for his own.

Inasmuch as the NOI teaches that the United States and the white race must and will be destroyed; that members, upon interview, have stated they owe no allegiance to the United States and would not support the United States in time of national emergency as they do not consider themselves citizens of this country, but rather, slaves; and because members have in the past become engaged in physical violence with various police departments, the organization is considered potentially dangerous to the security of this country. MUHAMMAD has stated that if he had 500 loyal followers he could take over Chicago, and if he had 10,000 loyal followers he could take over the United States.

Continued utilization of this tesur can be expected to furnish definite information regarding MUHAMMAD's proposed trip to the Middle East, along with the actual identities of the persons who might accompany him. It is expected that this source will continue to provide information regarding fund drives that the NOI might conduct and that this tesur will

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continue to furnish information regarding activities, policies and programs of the NOI, as well as the identities of the various officials and individual members of the NOI who are in contact with MUHAMMAD. It is believed that this tesur will continue to furnish information regarding the personal health of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and in some instances provide information regarding domestic difficulties of the sons and daughters of MUHAMMAD. It is believed that this tesur will continue to furnish information concerning the numerous businesses of the NOI and any new business ventures entered into by the NOI. It is felt that this tesur will also reveal identities of any representatives of foreign nations that might be in contact with MUHAMMAD.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

authorized 12/5/56,

This technical surveillance, on the residence of Elifjah Muhammad, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; was installed 1/4/57. Since that time the surveillance has furnished us with excellent intelligence information concerning the activities of Muhammad, who is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), other national NOI officers and their activities as well as the activities of the NOI itself. The NOI is an all-Negro violently antiwhite organization which teaches that the so-called Negro in the United States will some day own and occupy a separate black nation in North America. The activities of this organization are under active investigation to determine whether such activities bring the organization within the purview of Executive Order 10450 or in violation of any Federal statutes over which the Bureau has primary investigative jurisdiction.

This surveillance, during the past 90 days, has specifically furnished data concerning Muhammad's plans for a trip to the Middle East and the identities of some of the people who will accompany him on the trip; funds of the NOI; the identities of business and commercial enterprises of the NOI; the identities of NOI leaders and members in various cities throughout the United States and their contacts with Muhammad; and the activities of Muhammad generally.

Inasmuch as this installation furnishes us with information relating to the NOI on a national level, which is unavailable from other sources and coverage we have of this organization, it is serving a worthwhile purpose and it is strongly recommended it be continued for an additional 90 days.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: JH, GME, JG, JH, and a large signature with "KAC" and "11/5" below it]*

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 25-330971) DATE: 4/29/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989-Sub 2)

"JUNE"

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title NATION OF ISLAM

Character of Case IS - NOI  
Field Office Chicago  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or Microphone)

b2

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

4847 South Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
Drexel 3-0234

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized December 5, 1956  
Installed January 4, 1957

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

- a. Is a trunk line utilized? No
- b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No
- c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? Private line

e. If a party line, how many parties?

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

Not applicable

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

Not applicable

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

(See attached pages)

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

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12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

14. Cost of Plant Premises:

a. Rental costs for plant premises: None [REDACTED] b1 ] (c)

b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant.

Two other surveillances, four other lines.

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9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved:

1/22/60

CLARA MUHAMMAD stated that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's number "out there" is HU 3-6531 and that MUHAMMAD has been out there for two days and doesn't even sleep here now. (Information, as a result of this, has developed that this might be a "hideaway" used by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.) (Disseminated to pertinent Chicago files)

2/8/60

b7C [REDACTED] (Disseminated to pertinent Chicago files)

2/13/60

CLARA MUHAMMAD stated that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had left the house in a way "unbecoming to him" and that she is sick of it and will try to stick it out until the twenty-sixth. (Disseminated to pertinent Chicago files)

2/22/60

CLARA MUHAMMAD stated that she is sick of ELIJAH's being gone and that all he ever says to her is hello. CLARA stated it is because of that ----- in Detroit and that she was sick of being treated like a dog and was going to leave. CLARA began to cry and hung up. (Disseminated to pertinent Detroit and Chicago files)

2/26/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD instructed that [REDACTED] of Muhammad's Temple of Islam #11 in Boston,

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Massachusetts) should not sell his record "The White Man's Heaven is the Black man's Hell" at the Annual Muslim Convention bazaar because it is too inflammable. MUHAMMAD stated that it would be all right for him to sell the record at the final session of the convention on February 28, 1960. (Disseminated by letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and to pertinent Chicago and Boston files.)

3/8/60

[REDACTED]

3/10/60

[REDACTED] (Disseminated by airtel to New York and pertinent Chicago files)

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3/19/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] of Detroit, Michigan, and [REDACTED]. MUHAMMAD indicated he would pay off the balance due on a fee for the case which [REDACTED] had handled in Detroit. (Disseminated to pertinent Detroit and Chicago files)

3/21/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated that Brother JOHN (JOHN 11 X SIMMONS) of New York City is now his national man and is doing a very good job. (Disseminated to pertinent New York and Chicago files)

3/21/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD told [REDACTED] that he is concentrating on an article for the "Crusader" for the people in Chicago and that he has about decided to let the "Los Angeles Herald Dispatch" sell its paper on the West Coast, to make the "Crusader" a big central paper up and down the Middle West, and that he already has a paper on the East Coast.

b7c [REDACTED] (Letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and disseminated to pertinent Los Angeles, New York, Newark and Chicago files)

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD advised [REDACTED] that he thinks he can help the "Crusader" sell five, six or ten thousand copies in Chicago. MUHAMMAD stated that there was no mention of his article on the front page and that "the boys" who sell the paper were complaining about this. MUHAMMAD stated that if the "Crusader" is afraid to put his name on the front page he will be afraid to write articles for the paper. (Letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and disseminated to pertinent Chicago files.)

3/22/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD told [REDACTED] that there is a law about coming to the Temple and there is no excuse for [REDACTED] not attending meetings; that [REDACTED] has not been to Temple meetings since "we came from overseas." (Disseminated to pertinent Chicago files)

3/23/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated that he is planning to change all of his temples to read "Mosque." (Disseminated to pertinent Chicago files)

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3/29/60

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of Los Angeles

[REDACTED] and stated he plans to arrive in Los Angeles in early April and he wants to have three or four meetings from Sunday through Monday. (Disseminated to the Bureau, Los Angeles and New York, and pertinent Chicago files, by airtel)

c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

None, except manpower

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

None

[REDACTED]

(c)

17. Remarks (By SAC):

(See attached)

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17. Remarks by SAC:

Recommend continuance.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), an extremely nationalistic Negro organization whose male members participate in military drill and Judo training. The NOI regards the United States Government, the Caucasian race and Christianity as its enemies, and believes these enemies must be destroyed. The aim of the NOI is to unify the Negro race, to establish for the Negro a nation in this country free and independent of the white race, and to separate the races politically, economically and spiritually. MUHAMMAD has stated that the Negro should have a state or a group of states in the United States for his own.

The organization is considered potentially dangerous to the security of this country. This is based on the facts that the NOI teaches that the United States must and will be destroyed; that members of the NOI, upon interview, have stated they owe no allegiance to the United States and will not support the United States in time of national emergency as they do not consider themselves to be citizens of this country, but rather consider themselves slaves; and that members have in the past become engaged in physical violence with various police departments. MUHAMMAD has stated that if he had 500 loyal followers he could take over Chicago, and if he had 10,000 loyal followers he could take over the United States.

Continued utilization of this tesur can be expected to provide information regarding fund drives the NOI might conduct; to furnish information regarding activities, policies and programs of the NOI; to provide information as to the identities of various officials and individual members of the NOI who are in contact with MUHAMMAD; to furnish information regarding the personal help of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; to provide information regarding the domestic difficulties of the family of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; and to furnish information concerning the numerous businesses of the NOI, both present and future. It is felt that this tesur will be in a position to reveal the identities of any representatives of foreign governments who might be in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

This technical surveillance, authorized 12-5-56, was installed 1-4-57 on the residence of Elijah Muhammad, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Since the time of installation, this surveillance has furnished us with excellent information of intelligence nature concerning the activities of Muhammad, the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and the activities of the organization itself. The NOI is a all-Negro violently antiwhite organization which promulgates a doctrine that the Negro in the United States will some day occupy a separate black nation in North America. The activities of the NOI are under active investigation to determine whether the organization falls within the purview of Executive Order 10450 and may be in violation of other Federal statutes over which the Bureau has primary investigative jurisdiction. Investigations are being conducted in 34 field offices at this time.

This coverage, during the past 90 days, has provided extensive and detailed information concerning the plans and operations of the NOI. Information has been developed through this surveillance relating to: Elijah Muhammad's trip through the Near East and his efforts to exploit same; domestic difficulties involving Muhammad's family, which could conceivably be used in the future as a counterintelligence move; extensive information concerning the numerous business operations of the NOI; Muhammad's plans to publicize through Negro newspapers and small pictorial pamphlets the NOI doctrine; Muhammad's plans for future travels throughout the United States. This coverage also continues to furnish extensive data of a general nature concerning Muhammad and his followers.

Inasmuch as this installation continues to furnish us with extensive information relating to the NOI on a national level, which information is not available from other coverage we have of the organization, it is certainly serving a worthwhile purpose and it is strongly recommended that this coverage be continued for an additional 90 days.

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# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 Sub 2)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI  
O.O. Chicago

DATE: 5/17/60

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, the Messenger of Allah and national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), currently resides at 4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois, and has telephone number DRexel 3-0234. [REDACTED] is currently furnishing information in this regard.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on the dates indicated advised as follows:

On January 19, 1960, [REDACTED] was in contact with CLARA MUHAMMAD, the wife of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. During the conversation, CLARA stated that ELIJAH was staying out at 87th (probably 82nd) Street most of the time, including nights; that ELIJAH says he is out there to study and to rest.

On January 22, 1960 [REDACTED] was in contact with CLARA MUHAMMAD. CLARA stated she had not seen ELIJAH since January 21, 1960, and he does not even sleep at home now. [REDACTED] asked for ELIJAH's number "out there." CLARA stated the number is HU 3-6531.

On January 27, 1960 [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. ELIJAH stated that he was going to redecorate his apartment as soon as he can get around to it; that he wants to make a combination living room and office out of the front two rooms.

On January 29, 1960, CLARA MUHAMMAD was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at HU 3-6531. [REDACTED]

On February 13, 1960, CLARA MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] CLARA stated ELIJAH was not home yet and had not been home all night. [REDACTED] asked CLARA if the number "out there" is 3-6531. CLARA stated it was.

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SUBJ: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has up to as recently as May, 1960, continued to furnish information indicating that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is spending considerable time at a place other than his residence, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] has indicated on several occasions since January 19, 1960, that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is using this address as a "hide-a-way" and has given instructions that this phone number is not to be given out except on a highly selective basis.

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Chicago feels that, based on information as furnished by [REDACTED], only those individuals of leadership capacity in the NOI will be given this number and that any contact by these individuals with MUHAMMAD at this number will give information regarding policies and future plans of the NOI. Chicago also feels that any calls made by MUHAMMAD from this listing will possibly furnish information regarding plans by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as regards both the NOI and his personal life. Chicago is of the opinion that a tesur on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at this number could be of considerable value in determining the day-to-day activities of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and his high-level contacts both on a personal and on an organizational basis.

Chicago, therefore, requests authority to conduct a survey on telephone listing HUDSON 3-6531, looking toward the possibility of the installation of a tesur.

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To: SAC, Chicago (100-6989 Sub 2)

From: Director, FBI (105-24822)-80

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**ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

Provided full security is assured, authority is granted you to conduct a survey regarding the installation of a technical surveillance on the additional residence of the captioned individual at 8205 South Vernon, Apartment 1, Floor 1, Chicago, Illinois, telephone HUDSON 3-6531. Submit results of survey in Form FD-142.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index and is the national leader of the Nation of Islam. On January 4, 1957, a technical surveillance [redacted] was installed at the subject's residence, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which is the combined residence and office space of Elijah Muhammad. Information has been recently received that Muhammad has an additional residence at the South Vernon address above where he resides part of the time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: June 9, 1960  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 Sub 2) "JUNE"  
 SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title NATION OF ISLAM

Character of Case IS - NOI  
 Field Office CHICAGO  
 Symbol Number To be assigned  
 Type of Surveillance (Technical or Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:  
 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, telephone HUDSON 3-6531  
 Apt. 1, Floor 1  
 8205 South Vernon, Chicago, Illinois

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:  
 [REDACTED] which covers "ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
 4847 South Woodlawn  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Drexel 3-0234"

4. Cost and manpower involved:  
 No additional cost or manpower;  
 will be maintained by personnel  
 currently operating other tesurs.

Adequacy of security:

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6. Type of case involved:

Security  
Nation of Islam

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

National Leader - Nation of Islam

8. Specific information being sought:

MUHAMMAD has indicated that this is his "hideaway" and office; that the phone listing is to be given out only on a highly selective basis. It is felt contacts by MUHAMMAD at this listing will help determine the day to day activities of MUHAMMAD as well as high level contacts, concerning both NOI policy and his personal activity.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

NOI is dominated by MUHAMMAD. He determines and regulates the policies and activities thereof.

10. Importance of case and subject:

Directives of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD determine all of the policies, programs, and activities of the NOI. The NOI is composed of extreme Negro nationalists who regard all white men as "devils" and who believe that the "white men" and their governments, specifically America, will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

b2 [REDACTED] is currently furnishing data re MUHAMMAD. It is felt that MUHAMMAD, feeling he is secure in this "hideaway", may converse more freely with high officials of the NOI and his personal contacts. Through this it is hoped to obtain policy and future plans of MUHAMMAD both personally and for the NOI. It is felt only confidants of MUHAMMAD will have this listing available.

12. Risks of detection involved:

None - [REDACTED] (c) b1

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Indefinite

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

None.

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15. Remarks:-

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The membership of the NOI at Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2 in Chicago is estimated at from 750 to 1000 active. The organization is national in scope with Temples in practically every major city. The aim of the NOI is to establish a "nation within a nation" which is to be for the so-called Negro in North America and which is to be totally independent of any social and economic contact with the white race.

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line ~~monitored~~? Yes
- e. If a party line, how many parties? No
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:  
1 - front building  
1 - rear building
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:  
  
No
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)  
  
(See attached pages)
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?  
  
No
11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:  
  
None
12. Has security factor changed since installation?  
  
No
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):  
  
None known
14. Cost of Plant Premises:  
a. Rental costs for plant premises: None. [REDACTED]  
b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant: None.
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(c)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 25-330971 ) DATE: JUNE 5/28/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (66-428)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL ~~AND~~ MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title NATION OF ISLAM

Character of Case IS - NOI  
 Field Office Phoenix ~~CAME FROM~~  
 Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
 Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~xx~~ and  
 Microphone) ~~CONF. INTL~~

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's residence.

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

2118 E. Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona;  
 residence, front and rear buildings.

3. [REDACTED] (c) 61  
 4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

9/11/61 and 9/25/61.

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5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

- a. Is a trunk line utilized? No  
 b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? NO  
 c. Is the surveillance on a public ~~co~~ operated telephone? No

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9. Principal assistance to date:

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1. On 2/18/63 MALCOLM LITTLE of New York was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and spoke about a rally which was covered by the press protesting the injustices being done to the whole Negro Community. LITTLE spoke about the brothers having appeared in court on that date (referring to Rochester, New York case.) He said he charged them of using the Negro Community as a political football and using the Muslims solely to serve their own political purposes. (Disseminated to New York, Chicago, Buffalo and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  2. [REDACTED] Detroit, Mich., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 2/22/63 whereupon they discussed the handling of Muslim cases. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD told him he did not want to follow up these cases as it puts them in a bad state and costs lots of money. (Disseminated to Detroit, Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  3. On 4/13/63 [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, Calif., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked permission to distribute a pamphlet in the Los Angeles area concerning "What the Muslims Want" and "What the Muslims Believe". He approved of the distribution of said pamphlet. (Disseminated to Los Angeles, Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  4. MALCOLM LITTLE of New York was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 3/20/63 and stated the jury in the trial at Rochester, New York, had been dismissed. They discussed other items including ELIJAH telling MALCOLM that he had dismissed the minister in Phoenix and that the Mosque in Phoenix had gone down hill to the point that only about 1/3 of the 100 seats were being filled at the meetings. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
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5. An unknown man believed to be [REDACTED] of Jersey City was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 3/16/63 and spoke about a piece of property that they could buy and use for a mosque. ELIJAH told this person to get a lawyer to check on it and that they would take over the place. (Disseminated to Newark, Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
6. On 3/24/63 [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed with him about moving since the minister in Phoenix had been given 4F. ELIJAH mentioned helping [REDACTED] financially on his moving.
7. On 3/25/63, [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed with him at length the actions of MALCOLM LITTLE. [REDACTED] said that too much power had gone to his head. (Disseminated to Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
8. [REDACTED] minister of Mosque #4, Washington, D.C., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 4/11/63 whereupon ELIJAH started a heated argument and told [REDACTED] that the papers would have to be sold and that he should start spreading the idea of friendship and should trust each other or he would be removed from the temple. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York, WFO and pertinent Phoenix files.)
9. On 4/12/63 MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at which time they discussed MALCOLM LITTLE taking over the temple in Washington, D.C. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York, WFO and pertinent Phoenix files.)
10. On 3/7/63 [REDACTED] Phoenix NOI member, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed with him some property at 1705 East Broadway, Phoenix, to be purchased for a meeting house.

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11. On 5/2/63 MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and told him that he had just talked with [REDACTED] who had just returned from Birmingham. MALCOLM said he would like to go there and offer them Islam, as a solution. ELIJAH commented that it was good to teach them a lesson and that they will not go down there and participate in it. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, New York, Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
12. On 5/9/63 [REDACTED] of Hartford, Conn., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and asked permission for Minister MALCOLM LITTLE to come to Hartford and speak at the largest hall in the city on 6/5/63. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New Haven, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
13. MALCOLM LITTLE in St. Louis, Mo., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 4/12/63 and said he would be there three days. They also discussed the minister of the temple in Washington, D.C. (Disseminated to St. Louis, Chicago, New York, WFO and pertinent Phoenix files.)
14. [REDACTED] was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 4/9/63 and discussed with him [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
(Disseminated to New York, Chicago, and pertinent Phoenix files.)
15. [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on 5/3/63 and they had a lengthy discussion about her status as a laborer. She spoke of being on the way out and that it had nothing to do with her disbelief but it was because of other conditions. (Disseminated to Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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16. On 4/30/63 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] and spoke about the dinner that the temple in Phoenix had held and made \$231.00. He also said he had bought some land in Phoenix to build a temple.

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1. [REDACTED] ELIJAH on 1/30/63 and told him there were 800 to 1,000 people at the meeting on 1/29/63. There were from 7 to 8 different ministers present and Minister MALCOLM made a ten minute address. (Disseminated to Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
2. On 2/17/63 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD mentioned to [REDACTED] that he wanted to buy a business for the family. He mentioned a restaurant as being what he planned on and that he would name it Muhammad and Sons. It would be for the family after he has gone. (Disseminated to Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
3. On 4/21/63 [REDACTED] Mosque #4, Washington, D.C., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and mentioned being a follower of ELIJAH for 25 years. ELIJAH told [REDACTED] to be more careful in the future so no one would receive the wrong idea on anything he said. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, WFO and pertinent Phoenix files.)
4. On 3/23/63 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD [REDACTED] discussed income tax matters. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago and pertinent Phoenix files.)
5. [REDACTED] (Disseminated to Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

None

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

Monthly line rental furnished gratis by phone company.  
No record of same.

[REDACTED]

c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

None

d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

None

17. Remarks (By SAC):

I recommend that these surveillances be continued for another 90 days.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

b2 [redacted] is a technical surveillance (tesur) and [redacted] is a microphone surveillance (misur) both on the residence of Elijah Muhammad, 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona. These installations were authorized 9/11/61 and installed 9/25/61.

These sources have furnished a wealth of information concerning the activities of Muhammad, the leader of the Muslim movement, and the national and local activities of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Since these installations were last justified in 2/63, [redacted] (tesur) has developed information concerning contacts between Muhammad and Muslim leaders throughout the country. Information has been obtained concerning travel and activities of the Muslim leaders especially, Malcolm X Little, New York City, financial transactions of the Muslims and the inner politics of prominent NOI leaders. [redacted] (misur) has developed information regarding the personal and financial activities of Muhammad and members of his family. b2

These installations can be expected to continue to furnish valuable information concerning the activities, policies, programs and fund drives of the national NOI movement. It is recommended that both installations be continued for an additional 90 days.

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Attached for approval is a letter to Phoenix instructing that information concerning examples of valuable information obtained in the past be submitted in as brief and concise a form as possible. In this instance Phoenix utilized five pages to justify the retention of these installations. JTH  
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MEMORANDUM

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JUNE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 25-330971) DATE: 11/21/63

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 Sub 2)

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SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL  
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title

NATION OF ISLAM

Character of Case  
Field Office  
Symbol Number  
Type of Surveillance:  
(Technical or  
Microphone)

IS - NOI  
Chicago

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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:  
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room  
number or area covered: 4847 South Woodlawn  
Chicago, Illinois  
DR 3-0234

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized: 12/5/56

Installed: 1/4/57

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with  
dates and places):  
None.

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer follow-  
ing questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? No

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? No

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?

Private line

e. If a party line, how many parties? N/A

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each: N/A

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination: N/A

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)  
See attached.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means? No.

[REDACTED] (c) b1  
12. Has security factor changed since installation?  
No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title, and agency): No

14. Cost of Plant Premises:

a. Rental costs for plant premises

None - [REDACTED] (c) b1

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9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved:

8/27/63

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD instructed [REDACTED] Chicago, to go to Philadelphia and take over Muhammad's Mosque No. 12. (Disseminated to Philadelphia.)

8/29/63

[REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that an individual in Nassau, Bahamas, British West Indies, desired at least seventy-five copies of the NOI newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks" be forwarded to him. (Disseminated by airtel and blind memorandum to the Bureau.)

9/25/63

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated he was going to go to the West Coast, probably Los Angeles, on the third Sunday in December, 1963, to hold a mass meeting. (Disseminated by airtel to Bureau and Los Angeles.)

10/10/63

b7c [REDACTED] stated that Sister CLOTELL of Muhammad's Mosque No. 7, New York City, was a field captain in the Muslim Girls Training and was to take care of the "whole East Coast." (Disseminated to New York.)

10/13/63

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD indicated he planned to make an appearance for a mass meeting in New York City on December 1, 1963. (Disseminated by airtel to the Bureau and New York.)

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10/17/63

Source advised that AKBAR, HARRIETT and CLARA MUHAMMAD, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's son, daughter-in-law and wife, had returned to Chicago from Cairo, Egypt. (Disseminated by airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and New York.)

10/28/63

Source advised that CASSIUS CLAY, the well-known, heavy weight title contender, had made arrangements to meet ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and to also have his parents meet the Messenger. (Disseminated by airtel to the Bureau and Louisville.)

10/28/63

Source advised that Mosque No. 38 is in Columbia, South Carolina. (Being disseminated to Savannah.)

11/6/63

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD stated that he was going to speak on the subject, "The Evils of Integration and Good of Separation" in New York City on December 1, 1963. (Disseminated by airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and New York.)

11/6/63

Source advised that McCall's Magazine had been given approval by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to write an article about the women in ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's group. (Disseminated by letter to the Bureau.)

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance: None - except manpower

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation? None

16. Personnel Costs: (See attached.)

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working at plant and total salary costs.
- b. Total number of man hours per week spent at plant?
- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:
- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

17. Remarks (By SAC):

See attached.

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

Recommendation continuance.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is currently residing 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona. As of this date there is no indication that he plans to return to Chicago in the immediate future. Sources advised that RAYMOND and ETHEL SHARRIEFF, the Supreme Captains of the Fruit of Islam and the Muslim Girls Training, respectively continue to reside at MUHAMMAD's residence in Chicago in his absence.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the NOI, an extremely nationalistic Negro organization whose male members participate in military drill and judo training. The NOI regards the U.S. Government, the Caucasian race, and Christianity as its enemies, and believes these enemies must be destroyed. The aim of the NOI is to unify the Negro race, to establish for the Negro a nation in this country free and independent of the white race, and to separate the races politically, economically and spiritually. MUHAMMAD has stated that the Negro should have a state or a group of states in the United States for his own.

The organization is considered potentially dangerous to the security of this country. This is based on the fact that the NOI teaches that the United States must and will be destroyed; that members of the NOI, upon interview, have stated they owe no allegiance to the U.S. and will not support the U.S. in time of national emergency as they do not consider themselves to be citizens of this country, but, rather, consider themselves slaves; and that members have in the past become engaged in physical violence with various police departments. MUHAMMAD has stated that if he had 10,000 loyal followers he could take over the United States.

Continued utilization of this tesur can be expected to provide information regarding fund drives the NOI might conduct; to furnish information regarding activities, policies and programs of the NOI; to provide information as to the identities of various officials and individual members of the NOI who are in contact with MUHAMMAD; to furnish information regarding the personal life of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; to provide information regarding the domestic difficulties of the

family of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; and to furnish information concerning the numerous businesses of the NOI, both present and future. It is felt that this tesur will be in a position to reveal the identities of any representative of foreign governments who might be in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

As the Bureau is aware, [REDACTED] is also maintaining close contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in Phoenix, Arizona. Dissemination of data received is being handled in accordance with Bureau letter of December 1, 1961, captioned "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI." b2

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As the Bureau is aware, this source was discontinued on April 3, 1962. At the present time, there is no information available indicating that this source need be reactivated.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

[ (If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.) ] (X) (u)

This is a technical installation on the residence of the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Elijah Muhammad, 4847 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois. It was authorized 12/5/56 and installed 1/4/57. The NOI is an all-Negro, antiwhite, semireligious organization which preaches extreme hatred of the white man. The NOI is under investigation, with Chicago as office of origin.

This surveillance has proven extremely valuable in covering the overall activities of the NOI, which is considered potentially dangerous to the security of this country. Information has been furnished regarding changes in NOI leadership around the country; contact with sympathizers in the British West Indies; public mass meetings scheduled by the NOI; contact with the NOI by World Heavyweight title contender, Cassius Clay; publicity by "McCall's" magazine; and traveling of Elijah Muhammad's son to Cairo, Egypt. This information is furnished on a current basis and greatly facilitates the handling of this case by the Chicago Office. It is expected that this surveillance will continue to furnish considerable valuable information and should be continued.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this installation be continued in view of information set forth above.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 25-330971) DATE: 12/13/63

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (66-428)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL ~~AND~~ MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title NATION OF ISLAM -

Character of Case IS-NOI  
Field Office PHOENIX

Symbol Number [REDACTED]

Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~xx~~ and Microphone)

Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's residence.

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona;  
Residence, front and rear buildings.

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

9/11/61 and 9/25/61.

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None.

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? No.

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No.

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? No.

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d. Is surveillance on a private line ~~of a party line~~? Yes.

e. If a party line, how many parties? No.

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

2 - Front Building  
1 - Rear Building

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

No.

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

(See attached pages)

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No.

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

None.

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No.

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

None known.

14. Cost of Plant Premises:

a. Rental costs for plant premises: None [REDACTED] (c)

b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant. None.

9. Principal assistance to date:

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1. On 10/19/63, [REDACTED] of Flint, Michigan, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed the arrangements for the meeting to be held on 10/27/63 at Flint, Michigan, at which time ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was to address the meeting. (Disseminated to Chicago, New York, Detroit and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  2. On 10/23/63, MALCOLM LITTLE in Lansing, Michigan, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and told him that ELIJAH's appearance in Michigan would help them greatly in that state. MALCOLM discussed with ELIJAH about seeing him in Chicago on 10/26/63. (Disseminated to pertinent Phoenix files.)
  3. On 11/7/63, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [REDACTED] of Chicago, at which time ELIJAH MUHAMMAD spoke about his forthcoming speech in New York on 12/1/63 and also in Los Angeles, California, on 12/22/63. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  4. On 11/12/63, [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, California, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, at which time she discussed her being made captain and taking over from the other sister. (Believed referring to San Francisco Mosque.) (Disseminated to Los Angeles, Chicago, and pertinent Phoenix files.)
  5. On 11/19/63, [REDACTED] (believed to be in Chicago) was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and mentioned his trip to St. Louis. He also mentioned that he was going to Miami within the week to handle a matter down there. (Disseminated to Chicago, St. Louis, Miami and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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6. On 11/26/63, CLARA MUHAMMAD in Washington, D. C., was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed with him the problems concerning their house in Washington, D. C. (Disseminated to Chicago, WFO and pertinent Phoenix files.)
7. On 12/4/63, [REDACTED] New York City, was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and discussed with him the recent suspension of MALCOLM LITTLE. (Disseminated to Chicago, Bureau, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
8. On 12/7/63, MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, at which time they discussed briefly MALCOLM's work, necessity for a rest and MALCOLM's reply to the New York Times newspaper about his suspension. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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1. On 11/4/63, MALCOLM LITTLE was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and spoke about Muslim trials in other sections of the country. He also spoke about the black-out by the newspapers on the Muslims. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
2. On 11/14/63, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD spoke about receiving a letter from Mexico in which he had been made an honorary member of the Academy of Human Science and Relations. He stated the letter was signed by the President of Mexico. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, and pertinent Phoenix files.)
3. On 11/17/63, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD commented that he wanted to go to South Africa next year. He talked about how he might attempt to obtain a passport if the United States would not issue one to him. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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4. On 12/1/63, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was talking about Minister MALCOLM LITTLE and how MALCOLM should know better than to talk about the President as he did. He said such talk could get them into trouble. (Disseminated to Bureau, Chicago, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)
5. On 12/5/63, an unknown man from a news service in Los Angeles, California, discussed with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD the suspension of MALCOLM LITTLE. (Disseminated to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and pertinent Phoenix files.)

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:  
None.

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?  
Monthly line rental furnished by telephone company. No record of same.

- [REDACTED]
- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:  
None

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

None

17. Remarks (By SAC):

I recommend that these surveillances be continued for another 90 days.

It will be noted that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD returned to Phoenix, Arizona, on 10/16/63, and these sources were activated on that date.

**Recommendation by Assistant Director:**

*(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)*

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**ROUTE IN ENVELOPE**

Mr. V. C. Sullivan

F. J. Baumgardner

2/12/65

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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**NATION OF ISLAM -  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI**

Chicago has requested authority to reinstitute a technical surveillance for the purpose of providing additional coverage of the activities of Nation of Islam (NOI) leader Elijah Muhammad during his stay in Chicago, and in particular, the contemplated meeting between Muhammad and Martin Luther King, Jr. Muhammad arrived in Chicago 2/13/65 and is expected to depart on or about 3/1/65. This additional coverage will be for this period only. This surveillance will provide coverage at Apartment 1, Floor 1, 8205 South Vernon, Chicago, Illinois, which apartment is utilized by Elijah Muhammad for business purposes.

Information has been received that efforts are being made to arrange a meeting between King and Muhammad which meeting will possibly take place at Chicago, Illinois, on 2/26/65. This meeting may also include Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and James Farmer, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality. Contacts to arrange this meeting are being made by [REDACTED]

It is noted that Muhammad left Phoenix 2/13/65 for Chicago. At that time technical and microphone surveillances at Phoenix were discontinued. We have authority to institute technical coverage of Elijah Muhammad from the Department which provides that this coverage may be extended to any location to which he may move. With the reinstitution of this authority would be utilized and this action would not result in an increase of our technical surveillances since [REDACTED], the technical surveillance which provided coverage of Muhammad in Phoenix, has been discontinued.

It is felt that this additional coverage in Chicago is extremely desirable since it is expected to provide coverage of the meeting between King and Muhammad and also provide additional coverage of the Annual Muslim Convention which will take place in Chicago 2/26-28/65. This convention will include representatives from all NOI temples.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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That the attached airtel to Chicago be approved advising that [REDACTED] may be reinstituted for such a period of time as is necessary to resolve the contemplated meeting between Muhammad and King.

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

**To: SAC, Chicago (100-35635)**  
**From: Director, FBI (25-330971)**  
**NATION OF ISLAM**  
**IS - NOI**

**JUNE**

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**ReCGairtel 2/18/65.**

**Authority granted to reinstitute [REDACTED] to cover activities of Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam during the period of time Muhammad is in Chicago. This source should be utilized only until such time as the proposed meeting between Muhammad and Martin Luther King, Jr., is held. In the event Muhammad decides to remain in Chicago thereafter for other reasons, this surveillance should be discontinued. In addition to the above, this additional coverage may provide valuable information regarding the Annual Muslim Convention.**

**Advise Bureau date and time [REDACTED] is reinstituted and also, advise date and time discontinued.**

- 1 - Chicago (100-6989, Sub 2)
- 1 - Phoenix (66-428)
- 1 - 105-24822 (Elijah Muhammad)

**[REDACTED] kao (11)**

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**See cover memorandum captioned as above, dated 2/19/65, from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, prepared by [REDACTED] kao.**

**ENCLOSURE**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989 Sub 2)

JUNESUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

Re Chicago "June" letter 5/17/60; Chicago "June" airtel to Bureau, cc to Phoenix, entitled "NATION OF ISLAM; IS - NOI" dated 4/4/62.

**b2** [redacted] was, from 6/22/60 to 4/2/62 close to Apartment 1, Floor 1, 8205 South Vernon, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number HUDSON 3-6531. This is an apartment utilized by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD for "Business" purposes.

[redacted] on 1/13/65 advised MUHAMMAD continued to utilize this apartment.

[redacted] on 2/13 and 14/64 advised MUHAMMAD returned to Chicago, Illinois, from Phoenix on 2/13/65 and indicated he plans to remain in Chicago until after the Annual Muslim Convention scheduled to be held 2/26-28/65 in Chicago. **L**

As the Bureau is aware recent information from Phoenix sources, who are close to MUHAMMAD has indicated MUHAMMAD and MARTIN LUTHER KING, well known civil rights leader, are discussing the possibilities of a meeting in the near future.

Chicago feels that in this regard all possible avenues should be covered in efforts to gather further information regarding this proposed meeting and ramifications thereof.

It is recommended the Bureau grant authority to reinstitute [redacted] for such period of time as is necessary to resolve this matter **b2**

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# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. Sullivan JUNE

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

DATE: 1/17/66

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus
- 1 - Mr. Shackelford

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The Chicago Office maintains [REDACTED] a technical surveillance, for the purpose of covering the activities of Elijah Muhammad and the Headquarters of the Nation of Islam which he heads. [REDACTED] was installed on 1/4/57 [REDACTED]

The following are examples of the type of critical information received from the source:

[REDACTED] advised on 7/27/65 that 200 Black Muslims in British Guiana were interested in making contact with Nation of Islam Headquarters in Chicago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on 8/17/65 that Elijah Muhammad refused to meet with or talk to Martin Luther King, Jr., regarding the riots in Los Angeles, California, or to make a statement of cooperation with King concerning this matter. This information was furnished to the military agencies and the Department. This gave a clear picture of the relationship between King and Muhammad and was not available from any other source at that time.

[REDACTED] advised on 8/14/65 that Elijah Muhammad advised the Los Angeles Nation of Islam members to stay out of the rioting zone and to stay away from riots. This clarified Muhammad's feelings toward Nation of Islam participation in riots and civil disorders. This gave the first reliable indication of what to expect from the Nation of Islam in the event of civil disorders.

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Baumgardner to Sullivan  
Re: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

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b7C [redacted] advised on 12/17/65 that the [redacted] in Newark, New Jersey, shot up and damaged the mosque after a police search to make it appear the police damaged the mosque in an act of deliberate harassment. This indicates the extreme to which the Nation of Islam leadership will go to implement their doctrine of race and law enforcement hatred, as well as their utter disregard for civic responsibility in an area where tensions already exist.

OBSERVATIONS:

In instances involving riots and civil disorders, the Bureau represents the only source of intelligence information available to the White House, military agencies and the Department in the racial field. The Nation of Islam represents a very real potential threat to the security of the Nation. It is a well-disciplined, nationwide, all-Negro organization whose primary doctrine is intense hate of the white race coupled with disrespect for law enforcement, which they say represents only the white race. This source covers the Headquarters of the Nation of Islam in Chicago, Illinois, which city is a center of racial unrest. Also, Martin Luther King, Jr., has selected Chicago as the first northern city to be subjected to a massive civil rights drive, which will undoubtedly aggravate the tense racial situation there. Should violence erupt, it is mandatory the Bureau have sources such as this to enable the Bureau to meet its responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the propensity toward violence of the Nation of Islam, its explosive potential in a situation involving racial unrest anywhere in the Nation and the source's proven value in such instances, it is recommended [redacted] be continued.

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TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (25-330971)

1 - Mr. ROSEN  
1 - [REDACTED] b2

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IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE [REDACTED] SUAIRTEL

DATE AND TIME OF DISCONTINUANCE.

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NOTE:

b2 [REDACTED] technical surveillance on the Nation of Islam Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, is being discontinued because of a reduction in number of Bureau technical surveillances. Teletype being utilized in order to effect immediate discontinuance.

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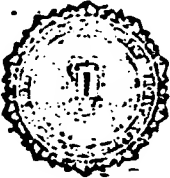
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December 31, 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: ELIJAH MOHAMMED  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

The Muslim Cult of Islam (MCI) is composed entirely of Negroes. Its leader, Elijah Mohammed, claims to have been sent by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the Negroes out of slavery. Members fanatically follow the teachings of Allah as interpreted by Mohammed; they disavow allegiance to the United States; and they are taught they need not obey the laws of the United States. Allegations have been received that its members may resort to acts of violence in carrying out its avowed purpose of destroying non-Muslims and Christianity.

It is believed that a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Drexel 3-0966, will furnish not only data concerning the fanatical and violent nature of the organization, but also data regarding the current plans of the MCI to expand its activities throughout the United States.

It is, therefore, requested that authorization be granted to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Elijah Mohammed or any address to which he may move in the future.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
June 10, 1969

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
(Attention:  
Mr. Rozamus)

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The Director has asked who authorized the wiretaps on Martin Luther King, Jr., and Elijah Muhammad and has asked to see the original authorizations.

There was a wiretap on King's phone at his residence in Atlanta, Georgia, from 11/8/63 to 4/30/65 when he moved. Wiretaps of several days duration were also instituted at the Hyatt House Motel in Los Angeles, California, the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and at a temporary address at 125 East 72 Street, New York City. A wiretap was instituted at the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New York City on two occasions. All these wiretaps were on the authorization of Robert Kennedy, dated 10/10/63, which is attached.

In addition, a wiretap on SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, was instituted from 11/8/63 to 6/21/66 on Kennedy's authorization dated 10/21/63, attached.

A wiretap on the residence of Elijah Muhammad in Chicago was authorized 1/2/57 by Herbert Brownell, authorization attached. It was installed 1/4/57. On this same authorization wiretaps were installed at additional residences of Elijah Muhammad in Chicago, Illinois, and Phoenix, Arizona. The wiretap installed on this authorization was discontinued 6/23/66.

Ransey Clark became Acting Attorney General on 10/3/66.

## ACTION:

None. For information.

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